


03/14/01
31057 U.S. PTO

03-15-01

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box 
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/05 (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PTO
09/808641
03/14/01

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>	Attorney Docket No. YAMAP0756US	
	First Inventor Sugimoto et al.	
	Title	DRIVE, METHOD FOR READING ...
	Express Mail Label No. EF297167721US	

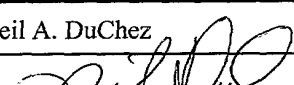
APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.	ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) <i>(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)</i> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 43] <i>(preferred arrangement set forth below)</i> - Descriptive title of the invention - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 11] 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1] a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) <i>(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)</i> i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76	7. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission <i>(if applicable, all necessary)</i> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> paper c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies
ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS	
9. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement [Power of Attorney] <i>(when there is an assignee)</i> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable) 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure [Copies of IDS] Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) <i>(Should be specifically itemized)</i> 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <i>(if foreign priority is claimed)</i> 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Certificate of Mailing & Letter Identifying Inventors.	

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. _____
 Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group / Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Customer Number or Bar Code Label			<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence address below		
(Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here)					
Name	Neil A. DuChez				
Address	Renner, Otto, Boisselle, & Sklar, L.L.P. 1621 Euclid Avenue, 19th Floor				
City	Cleveland	State	OH	Zip Code	44115
Country	USA	Telephone	(216)621-1113	Fax	(216)621-6165

Name (Print/Type)	Neil A. DuChez	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	26,725
Signature		Date	3-14-01

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, DC 20231.

YAMAP0756US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
: Group Art Unit:
Sugimoto et al. :
: Examiner
Express Mail No.: EF297167721US :
: Filed: March 14, 2001 :
: For: DRIVE, METHOD FOR READING DATA, INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR REPRODUCING DATA

LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The attached application is submitted herewith absent a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in accordance with 37 CFR §1.53(b) and (d). The inventors are as follows:

Hiroshi Sugimoto
2-14-6-204, Nagayoshinagahara, Hirano-ku
Osaka-shi, Osaka 547-0016 Japan

Hirofumi Ide
2-3-33-506, Kawaranomiya, Amagasaki-shi
Hyogo 661-0971 Japan

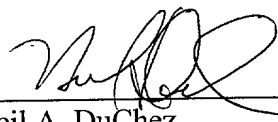
Hiroshi Ueda
4-3426, Gotenyamaminamimachi, Hirakata-shi
Osaka 573-1193 Japan

Kenji Takauchi
38-7, Kozu 2-chome, Katano-shi
Osaka 576-0053 Japan

It is requested that the Patent Office direct all correspondence regarding this application to:

Neil A. DuChez
Renner, Otto, Boisselle & Sklar, LLP
1621 Euclid Avenue, Nineteenth Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Respectfully submitted,
RENNER, OTTO, BOISSELLE & SKLAR, LLP

By 
Neil A. DuChez
Reg. No. 26, 725

FILED FOR RECORDING